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SUBJ: LOS: UN SEABED COMMITTEE: REPRESENTATION

REF: STATE 129465

1. REFTEL AUTHORIZED DOLS 1500 FOR REPRESENTATION BY US REP TO UN SEABED COMMITTEE.

2. USDEL ALREADY HAS ACTUAL OR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES FOR \$1500 REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITY. THIS SESSION OF CMTE, WHICH IS LONGEST AND LAST SCHEDULED BEFORE LOS CONF, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL AUGUST 25. MUCH OF THE WORK OF THE CMTE IS BEING CONDUCTED IN PRIVATE, INFORMAL CONTACTS. THIS HAS ALREADY NECESSITATED RATHER EXTENSIVE USE OF PRIVATE BREAKFASTS, LUNCHEES, AND DINNERS AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY WILL MOUNT DURING REMAINING SIX WEEKS OF THIS SESSION. SINCE THE USG IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY REGIONAL GROUPING AND DOES NOT HOLD A SEAT IN THE COMMITTEE BUREAU, USDEL MUST MAKE GREATER USE OF PRIVATE APPROACHES THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. WE HAVE EXTENSIVE LIAISON WORK AHEAD OF US WITH THE 90 COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS WITH THE NUMEROUS OBSERVER DELEGATIONS, AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CONFERENCE. AS DEPT WELL AWARE, VITAL US LEGAL, POLITICAL, NATIONAL SECURITY, ECONOMIC, AND SCIENTIFIC INTEREST ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED.

3. INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATES ALSO HAD ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR LIMITED RESOURCES.

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4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST OIC AUTHORIZE \$2,500 ADDITIONAL FOR US

REP. THIS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WOULD BE SPENT PRIMARILY FOR SMALL LUNCHESES, AND DINNERS, USUALLY WITH ONLY ONE (OR A SMALL NUMBER OF) AMERICANS PRESENT. WE INTEND TO FOCUS CONSIDERABLE REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITY ON DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES, WHOSE SUPPORT WILL BE VITALLY NEEDED IF OUR OBJECTIVES ARE TO BE ACHIEVED, AS WELL AS MAJOR MARITIME COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE EXTENSIVE CONTACT.
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